

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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During Monday's White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Coach Tony Dungy presented his first Presidential Volunteer Service Awards to Bill Bissmeyer and Pat Fitzgerald, volunteers who helped create All Pro Dad's Days. During a subsequent press conference, Coach Dungy emphasized the important role father's play in their children's lives by calling for more Indiana schools to start All Pro Dad's Day chapters across Indiana. All Pro Dad's Day is an hour-long monthly breakfast, typically held before school, where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids to discuss important topics like peer pressure, goal setting, and caring for the less fortunate.

Launched in 1997 with the help of Coach Dungy, All Pro Dad equips men with the moral and educational tools necessary to make them better fathers and role models, and to build character in their children and communities. All Pro Dad is structured around football themes to appeal to men. Forth-eight NFL coaches, players, and alumni serve as spokesmen for All Pro Dad. Core Services include "Play of the Day", "All Pro Dad's Day" and "All Pro Dad Father & Kids Experience".

All Pro Dad materials are provided free of charge to schools that want to start a chapter. There are currently 640 All Pro Dad's Day chapters in 41 states and five countries. There are 53 chapters meeting regularly in 18 Indiana counties. To learn more, you are encouraged to visit www.AllProDad.com



Pictured: Jay Hein, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Gov. Mitch Daniels and Coach Dungy.
Photo by: Matt Kryger / The Star



**White House Regional Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Tuesday & Wednesday, November 27 & 28, in Los Angeles, CA**

8:00am-5:00pm

The Westin St. Bonaventure Hotel & Suites
404 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
213-624-1000

The purpose of the White House National Summit on Prisoner Reentry is to expose Faith-Based and Community Organizations, Federal, State and local corrections authorities, policymakers, social scientists, and other experts in prison reentry to top program models, new research, recent data, promising practices, financial and other resources, and to one another. This two day summit seeks to bring much-needed attention to an often neglected issue and ultimately help returning men and women in need of a second chance.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.fbc.gov to register online.

From the Desk of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman



Dear Friends,

As we quickly approach the holiday season, I want to show our country's troops how thankful Hoosiers are for their sacrifice. Once again, I am asking Hoosiers of all ages to participate in a letter and card campaign for the U.S. troops serving overseas. We need your letters by Thanksgiving, so time is running short.

"Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes" is aimed at sending holiday greetings to servicemen and women away from their homes and loved ones for the season. Hoosiers are encouraged to write letters of support to acknowledge the sacrifices military personnel are making to protect freedom.

This is the second year I have orchestrated "Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes." Last year, my office collected more than a thousand holiday wishes for our troops and sent them to Iraq. This year's goal is to gather at least 5,000 letters and cards, and we are well on our way to that number. But we need your help. I encourage you to get any groups you are affiliated with, such as boy scouts troops, bible studies, or 4-H, involved in this special project.

Mike Whicker of Evansville recently contacted my office to express what the letter writing campaign has meant to his family. He and his wife Sandy have a 24-year-old daughter who received one of the letters last year while stationed in Baghdad. He conveyed how much the support of his fellow Hoosiers meant to Savannah, his daughter. This year, he hopes for the same support as Savannah spends her third Christmas in Iraq.

Those interested in sending a letter of appreciation or holiday card to U.S. troops should send them to my office by Thanksgiving, only a couple weeks from now. Participants also have the option of sending good wishes by e-mail to lg@lg.IN.gov. Please include "Hoosier Cheer for Our Heroes" in the subject line. All letters and e-mails will be delivered to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by the Indiana National Guard. Thank you for supporting our troops this holiday season!

Mail can be directed to:

Office of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
C/O Molly Fausset
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Don't Let the Walls Foreclose in on You



In an effort to reduce the number of home foreclosures in Indiana, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced the launch of a major statewide initiative to assist Hoosiers who are in danger of losing their homes.

Beginning November 7, Hoosiers facing foreclosure can call a toll-free number, **877-GET-HOPE**. This toll-free, confidential help-line will be available 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily, at no cost to the consumer. Services include budgeting help, a written financial plan or assistance in contacting lenders. Whenever possible, counselors will assist homeowners over the phone. If more extensive assistance is needed, the counselor will refer the homeowner to a certified foreclosure intervention specialist. Also, a Web site www.877GetHope.org will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a

week. The initiative is lead by the **Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network (IFPN)**, a public-private partnership of government agencies, lenders, community service and housing-related organizations.

If you're worried that foreclosure could be in your future, don't delay. Call **877-GET-HOPE**.
Don't wait until it's too late. Call today.

Check out the OFBCI Training Calendar at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>.

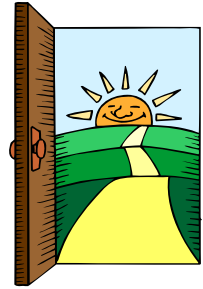
Have questions about the day-to-day operations or long-term planning of your organization? The internet is rife with resources for non-profits, and now you can find many of them on the OFBCI Training Resources page at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2393.htm>. Here you can find information about grant-writing, board development, program development, and much more.



The page is constantly being updated, so check back often!

NATIONAL SERVICE OPENS DOOR WIDER FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The 50 million Americans who are living with disabilities will have an easier time learning about and participating in national service and volunteer programs thanks to new initiatives announced today by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation is the latest partner in DisabilityInfo.gov, a collaborative effort among 22 federal government agencies dedicated to making it the leading, one-stop federal source for disability-related information. The site provides information on benefits, civil rights, community life, education, employment, housing, health, technology, and other subjects. The Corporation will be providing content about service and volunteering opportunities, grants, special initiatives, and training resources geared to including people with disabilities in service. To read the full press release, visit <http://www.DisabilityInfo.gov>



FAMILY STRENGTHENING BRIEF RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL HUMAN SERVICES ASSEMBLY

The National Human Services Assembly is pleased to announce the release of "The Parenting Imperative: Investing in Parents So Children and Youth Succeed." Developed with assistance from a working group of practitioners, advocates, and researchers, the 29-page brief is the 22nd in a series on Family Strengthening produced by NHSA. To learn more, visit <http://www.nassembly.org/fspc/index.html>

The Points of Light Foundation and the Walt Disney Company proudly present Family Volunteer Day



This annual day of service, held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, is designed to demonstrate the power of families who choose to volunteer together to support the communities in which they live and serve.

Volunteering as a family provides quality time for busy families, strengthens communication and bonds, and positively impacts local communities across the nation.

Family volunteering is a hands-on way to teach children the values of kindness, compassion, tolerance, community responsibility, and good citizenship.

It can be done by the whole family together, by one parent and one child, by siblings, or can include extended family such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

However families choose to do it, volunteering together can help mobilize thousands of new volunteers and instill in the next generation a sense of civic engagement that can last a lifetime.

Check out the Family Volunteer Day Guidebook from Points of Light Foundation at www.pointsoflight.org

Managed Health Services to Establish Statewide Faith-Based Advisory Council



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Managed Health Services Indiana (MHS) a managed care organization that has dedicated over twelve years assuring that the Hoosier Healthwise population has access to quality healthcare services and providers is developing a statewide **Faith-Based Advisory Council** with the hope that an ongoing, comprehensive dialogue will manifest with regard to identifying service and resource needs of the community.

Managed Health Services invites local faith-based leaders (or their representatives) to come learn more about the mission and objectives of the advisory council. Managed Health Services is looking to form an interfaith council representative of all faiths and beliefs.

Managed Health Services will be hosting a series of Call-to-Action meetings around the state. The first Call-to-Action meeting will be held at 9am in Evansville on Saturday, December 8th at the C.K. Newsome Center, 100 E. Walnut Street. Complimentary breakfast will be provided. To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Nicole Anderson at 317-684-9478 ext. 20162 or nanderson@centene.com by December 3rd.

To learn more about Managed Health Services please visit their website at www.managedhealthservices.com

Attention: All Indiana High School Teachers

We invite you to encourage your students to participate in our fourth annual Hoosier Heroes™ program. Any current Indiana high school junior or senior may nominate a living current or former resident of Indiana who inspires them. Two nominations will be chosen in each of 5 categories. Each winning student nominator will receive a \$2,000 post-secondary scholarship* and their Hoosier Hero will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship* to designate to the Indiana high school of their choice. A gala celebration will be held on May 8, 2008 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis to honor the winners and their Hoosier Heroes. In 2007, more than \$43,000 in scholarships were awarded to students and high schools!

**Each \$2,000 scholarship contains a \$1,000 USA Funds match*



There are several goals of the Hoosier Heroes program:

- Provide an opportunity for Indiana students to identify Indiana citizens who have made significant contributions to society and who serve as role models and inspirational figures for youth
- Develop an appreciation for outstanding Hoosiers who have overcome life obstacles and/or accomplished significant goals
- Create a sense of pride in being from Indiana
- Provide an interesting, fun and motivating educational activity for high school students and teachers
- Provide scholarships to Indiana students

We encourage you to use this program as a classroom writing exercise. For more information please visit **www.HoosierHeroes.org** or call (866) 877-1172. Student nominations will be judged by a panel on the quality of the nomination: i.e. writing quality, persuasiveness, research completed, inspirational value and thoughtfulness. Judges decisions are final. Winners will be notified and posted by March 1, 2008, and are strongly encouraged to attend the gala celebration May 8, 2008.

Each Hoosier Hero nominee will be notified that he/she has been nominated by a student.

How can you and your students participate?

1. Download the nomination form from our Website or contact us to send you nomination forms.
2. Make copies on white paper and distribute the forms to your students or encourage students to apply online at www.HoosierHeroes.org. Invite them to think about someone from their hometown or state who inspires them and/or who has made a significant contribution to a chosen field or endeavor. In addition, ask them to use the writing tools provided in the Student Section of our Website. The nominee must be living and a current or past resident of Indiana.
3. Remind your student that **the deadline for submission is January 31, 2008**. All applications must be submitted online or postmarked and sent to Indiana Dollars for Scholars by this date. Nominations received after this date will be deemed ineligible.



Indiana Dollars for Scholars
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(866) 877-1172 (toll-free)
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www.IndianaDollarsforScholars.org

Ten Hoosier Heroes will be selected, two from each of the following categories:

- Business
- Service
- Science & Technology
- Arts & Athletics
- Education & Personal Inspiration

For category descriptions and examples of winning nominations and, please visit www.HoosierHeroes.org.

